

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the amendment above
and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

No claims have been canceled, amended or added in this paper. Accordingly, claims 1-42 are under active consideration.

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated August 28, 2003, the specification has been amended to include an abstract of the disclosure.


In conclusion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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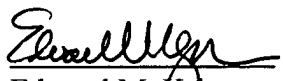
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